

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 601, Water Resources Development Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3437–S3535*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 955–966, and S. Res. 142. **Pages S3531–32**

#### Measures Passed:

**Water Resources Development Act:** By 83 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 124), Senate passed S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3444–96**

#### Adopted:

Boozman Amendment No. 822, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program. **Page S3445**

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 123), Merkley/Brown Amendment No. 866, to require the use of American iron, steel, and manufactured goods for innovative financing pilot projects. **Pages S3445–46**

Hoeven Modified Amendment No. 909, to restrict charges for certain surplus water. **Pages S3444, S3447**

#### Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 121), Coburn Amendment No. 815, to stop Federal subsidies for ongoing beach renourishment from being extended to 65 years. **Pages S3444–45**

By 35 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 122), Coburn Amendment No. 816, to remove restrictions on projects the Infrastructure Deauthorization Commission may consider. **Pages S3444, S3445**

Pursuant to the order of May 14, 2013, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn.

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**National MPS Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, designating May 15, 2013, as “National MPS Awareness Day”. **Page S3535**

#### Measures Considered:

**Farm Bill—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018. **Pages S3519–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, May 20, 2013, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3523**

**Moniz Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, May 16, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy, under the order of May 9, 2013. **Page S3535**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 125), William H. Orrick III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Pages S3508–19, S3535**

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 126), Marilyn B. Tavenner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. **Pages S3508–19, S3535**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S3530**

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**Text of S. 601 as Previously Passed:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—126) Pages S3444–45, S3445, S3446, S3454, S3519

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3535.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for National and Military Intelligence programs, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence, and Michael G. Vickers, Undersecretary for Intelligence, both of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENTS OF THE AIR FORCE AND ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Departments of the Air Force and Army, after receiving testimony from Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Lieutenant General Michael Ferriter, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Brigadier General Walter E. Fountain, Acting Deputy Director of the Army National Guard, Addison D. Davis IV, Command Executive Officer, United States Army Reserve Command, Kathleen I. Ferguson, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Timothy Bridges, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Major General Timothy Byers, The Civil Engineer, Major General Richard Haddad, Deputy Chief, Air Force Reserve, and Brigadier General James Witham, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal

year 2014 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Gary H. Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, Story C. Landis, Director, National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and Harold E. Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Daniel B. Poneman, Acting Secretary of Energy.

### PROTECTING TAXPAYERS AND THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine improving cross border resolution to better protect taxpayers and the economy, after receiving testimony from James R. Wigand, Director, Office of Complex Financial Institutions, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Michael S. Gibson, Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and William C. Murden, Director, Office of International Banking and Securities Markets, Department of the Treasury.

### ADVANCED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine advanced vehicle technology and its implications, after receiving testimony from David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Mitch Bainwol, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.; Peter F. Sweatman, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, Ann Arbor; John D. Lee, University of Wisconsin-Madison; and Jeffrey J. Owens, Delphi Automotive, Troy, Michigan.

### UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Policy toward Iran, after receiving testimony from Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.